

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 7, 15, 23 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please amend the remaining claims as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for producing printing data, which is interpretable by a printer, based on document data produced by an application, comprising:

combined setting registration means for combining each value of a plurality of setting items into a combined setting to produce the printing data and for registering the combined setting by name in a combined setting list ~~of a favorites database~~, wherein setting of the setting items is performed via a setting sheet;

selection means for selecting one of the combined settings registered in said combined setting list by designating a name of one of the combined settings;

display control means for controlling display of each value of the plurality of the setting items of one combined setting in the setting sheet when the one combined setting is selected by said selection means; ~~and~~

item setting registration means for registering a setting value of a predetermined setting item of the plurality of setting items registered by said combined setting registration means by name in an item setting list; and

addition means for, when the combined setting selected by said selecting means includes the setting value of the predetermined setting item registered by said item setting registration, adding a temporary option to the item setting list and for assigning the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the

combined setting so that the combined setting temporarily utilizes the setting value of the predetermined setting item

~~exporting and importing means for exporting the combined setting as a setting file which is able to be imported by a second printer driver in response to an export instruction on a user interface of a first printer driver, and for importing the setting file in response to an import instruction on the user interface of the first printer driver and adding the combined setting of the imported setting file into the favorites database of the first printer driver,~~.

2. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

input means for inputting a name of the combined setting,

wherein said combined setting registration means registers the combined setting in association with the name inputted by said input means.

3. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the combined setting can be registered by said combined setting registration means from the plurality of setting sheets.

4. (Original) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said printer is controlled by a printer driver which includes said combined setting registration means.

5. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising changing means for, in case of changing one value of the setting items via the setting sheet, changing the displayed name of the combined setting list so as to inform the user that the changed value is different from the value of the setting items associated with the name of the combined settings.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising ~~name assigning means for, when the setting items are changed,~~ displaying a name of the original combined setting and a change to the original combined setting in a recognizable manner determining means for, when the setting value of the predetermined setting item of the combined setting is set at a time when the combined setting is registered by said combined setting registration means, determining whether the predetermined setting item is already registered in the item setting list,

wherein when the determining means determines that the predetermined setting item is not registered in the item setting list, said addition means adds the temporary option to the item setting list and assigns the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to ~~Claim 7~~ Claim 6, wherein the setting item having a registration function is a stamp setting for adding a stamp to the document data.

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for producing printing data, which is interpretable by a printer, based on document data produced by an application, comprising the steps of:

a combined setting registration step for combining each value of a plurality of setting items into a combined setting to produce the printing data and for registering the combined setting by name in a combined setting list ~~of a favorites database~~, wherein setting of the setting items is performed via a setting sheet;

a selection step for selecting one of the combined settings registered in said combined setting list by designating a name of one of the combined settings;

a display control step for controlling display of each value of the plurality of the setting items of one combined setting in the setting sheet when the one combined setting is selected in said selection step; and

a item setting registration step for registering a setting value of a predetermined setting item of the plurality of setting items registered in said combined setting registration step by name in an item setting list; and

an addition step for, when the combined setting selected in said selecting step includes the setting value of the predetermined setting item registered by said item setting registration, adding a temporary option to the item setting list and for assigning the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the

combined setting so that the combined setting temporarily utilizes the setting value of the predetermined setting item

~~an exporting and importing step for exporting the combined setting as a setting file which is able to be imported by a second printer driver in response to an export instruction on a user interface of a first printer driver, and for importing the setting file in response to an import instruction on the user interface of the first printer driver and adding the combined setting of the imported setting file into the favorites database of the first printer driver,~~.

10. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 9, further comprising:

an input step for inputting a name of the combined setting, wherein said combined setting registration step registers the combined setting in association with the name input in said input step.

11. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein the combined setting can be registered in said combined setting registration step from the plurality of setting sheets.

12. (Original) An information processing method according to Claim 9, wherein said combined setting registration step is included in a printing setting step executed by a printer driver of an information processing apparatus.

13. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to Claim 9, further comprising a changing step for, in case of changing one value of the setting items via the setting sheet, changing the displayed name of the combined setting list so as to inform the user that the changed value is different from the value of the setting items associated with the name of the combined settings.

14. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to Claim 9, further comprising ~~a name assigning step for, when the setting items are changed, displaying a name of the original combined setting and a change to the original combined setting in a recognizable manner~~ determining means for, when the setting value of the predetermined setting item of the combined setting is set at a time when the combined setting is registered by said combined setting registration means, determining whether the predetermined setting item is already registered in the item setting list,

wherein when the determining means determines that the predetermined setting item is not registered in the item setting list, said addition means adds the temporary option to the item setting list and assigns the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to ~~Claim 15~~ Claim 14, wherein the setting item having a registration function is a stamp setting for adding a stamp to the document data.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer-executable printer driver program for producing printing data, which is interpretable by a printer, based on document data produced by an application, said printer driver program comprising the steps of:

a combined setting registration step for combining each value of a plurality of setting items into a combined setting to produce the printing data and for registering the combined setting by name in a combined setting list ~~of a favorites database~~, wherein setting of the setting items is performed via a setting sheet;

a selection step for selecting one of the combined settings registered in the combined setting list by designating a name of one of the combined settings;

a display control step for controlling display of each value of the plurality of the setting items of one combined setting in the setting sheet when the one combined setting is selected in said selection step; and

an item setting registration step for registering a setting value of a predetermined setting item of the plurality of setting items registered in said combined setting registration step by name in an item setting list; and

an addition step for, when the combined setting selected in said selecting step includes the setting value of the predetermined setting item registered by said item setting registration, adding a temporary option to the item setting list and for assigning the

temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting so that the combined setting temporarily utilizes the setting value of the predetermined setting item

~~an exporting and importing step for exporting the combined setting as a setting file which is able to be imported by a second printer driver in response to an export instruction on a user interface of a first printer driver, and for importing the setting file in response to an import instruction on the user interface of the first printer driver and adding the combined setting of the imported setting file into the favorites database of the first printer driver, .~~

18. (Original) A storage medium according to Claim 17, wherein said printer driver program further comprises:

an input step for inputting a name of the combined setting,

wherein said combined setting registration step registers the combined setting in association with the name input in said input step.

19. (Original) A storage medium according to Claim 17, wherein the combined setting can be registered in said combined setting registration step from the plurality of setting sheets.

20. (Original) A storage medium according to Claim 17, wherein said combined setting registration step is included in a printing setting step executed by a printer driver of an information processing apparatus.

21. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to Claim 17, further comprising a changing step for, in case of changing one value of the setting items via the setting sheet, changing the displayed name of the combined setting list so as to inform the user that the changed value is different from the value of the setting items associated with the name of the combined settings.

22. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 17, wherein said printer driver program further comprises ~~a name assigning step for, when the setting items are changed, displaying a name of the original combined setting and a change to the original combined setting in a recognizable manner~~ a determining step for, when the setting value of the predetermined setting item of the combined setting is set at a time when the combined setting is registered by said combined setting registration step, determining whether the predetermined setting item is already registered in the item setting list,

wherein when the determining step determines that the predetermined setting item is not registered in the item setting list, said addition step adds the temporary option to the item setting list and assigns the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to ~~Claim 23~~ Claim 22, wherein the setting item having a registration function is a stamp setting for adding a stamp to the document data.

25. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium for producing printing data, which is interpretable by a printer, based on document data produced by an application, said computer-executable program code comprising:

a combined setting registration program code for combining each value of a plurality of setting items into a combined setting to produce the printing data and for registering the combined setting by name in a combined setting list ~~of a favorites database~~, wherein setting of the setting items is performed via a setting sheet;

a selection program code for causing a user to select one of the combined settings registered in the combined setting list by designating a name of one of the combined settings;

a display control program code for controlling display of each value of the plurality of the setting items of one combined setting in the setting sheet when the one combined setting is selected; and

an item setting registration program code for registering a setting value of a predetermined setting item of the plurality of setting items registered by said combined setting registration code by name in an item setting list; and

an addition program code for, when the combined setting selected by said selecting code includes the setting value of the predetermined setting item registered by

said item setting registration, adding a temporary option to the item setting list and for assigning the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting so that the combined setting temporarily utilizes the setting value of the predetermined setting item

~~an exporting and importing program code for exporting the combined setting as a setting file which is able to be imported by a second printer driver in response to an export instruction on a user interface of a first printer driver, and for importing the setting file in response to an import instruction on the user interface of the first printer driver and adding the combined setting of the imported setting file into the favorites database of the printer driver,.~~

26. (Previously Presented) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to Claim 25, wherein said computer-executable program code further comprises:

an input program code for inputting a name of the combined setting,
wherein said combined setting registration program code registers the combined setting in association with the name input by said input program code.

27. (Previously Presented) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to Claim 25, wherein the combined setting can be registered by said combined setting registration program code from the plurality of setting sheets.

28. (Previously Presented) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to Claim 25, wherein said combined setting registration program code is included in a printing setting program code executed by a printer driver of an information processing apparatus.

29. (Previously Presented) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to Claim 25, further comprising a changing program code for, in case of changing one value of the setting items via the setting sheet, changing the displayed name of the combined setting list so as to inform the user that the changed value is different from the value of the setting items associated with the name of the combined settings.

30. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to Claim 25, wherein said computer-executable program code further comprises ~~a name assigning program code for, when the setting items are changed, displaying a name of the original combined setting and a change to the original combined setting in a recognizable manner~~ a determining program code for, when the setting value of the predetermined setting item of the combined setting is set at a time when the combined setting is registered by said combined setting registration code, determining whether the predetermined setting item is already registered in the item setting list,

wherein when the determining means determines that the predetermined setting item is not registered in the item setting list, said addition means adds the temporary

option to the item setting list and assigns the temporary option to the setting value of the predetermined setting value of the predetermined setting item included in the combined setting.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) Computer-executable program code stored on a computer readable medium according to ~~Claim 31~~ Claim 30, wherein the setting item having a registration function is a stamp setting for adding a stamp to the document data.